

REMARKS

Claims 52 and 55 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 52-55 are currently pending in the above-identified application.

Priority

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the claim for priority and receipt of the priority document filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/170,773.

35 U.S.C. §112

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under this section. The Examiner is hereby requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if further clarification is deemed necessary.

Conclusion

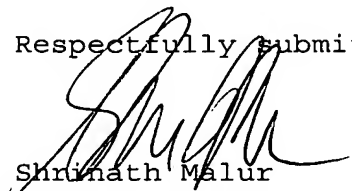
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is

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now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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